

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK. ORDINANCE NO. 22,019 (AUGUST 3, 2021), TO DECLARE IT IMPRACTICAL AND UNFEASIBLE TO BID; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE SOLE-SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00), TO ADMINISTER THE BE MIGHTY MEALS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER MEALS TO YOUTH AND FAMILIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Be Mighty Meals Program was created and funded by a grant from the National League of Cities and carried out by the Central Arkansas Library System ("CALs") to reduce youth hunger in the Little Rock community; and,

WHEREAS, the Be Mighty Meals Program connects kids and teens under 18 with free meals at several local library branches and supports community food security with Little Free Pantries, cooking classes, and health and wellness classes, and;

WHEREAS, in 2020 elected to continue the Be Mighty Meals Program with funding provided by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and again to partner with CALs to facilitate the program; and,

WHEREAS, due to the Community need, the program's ongoing success and community benefit to the City's residents, both the City and CALs have entered into annual contract extensions for the Be Mighty Meal Program from 2022 through 2025; and,

WHEREAS, over the course of the Be Mighty Meals Program from 2019 through 2025, based on the data gathered, the program systematics already in place at CALs, and plans to further extend program locations to serve more residents, the City finds it impractical and unfeasible to subject this program to a competitive selection process, and;

WHEREAS, the current contract ends December 31, 2026 and this Ordinance will allow the City to desire to continue the program in 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The Board of Directors declares that it is impractical and unfeasible to subject the Be Mighty Meals Program to a competitive selection process since to do so could cause an undesirable program setback

1 to this very beneficial community program to address food insecurity and hunger for Little Rock youth and
2 families.

3 **Section 2.** The City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Central Arkansas Library
4 System from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred
5 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to provide for continuation of the Be Mighty Meals Program, for a one (1)
6 year term from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

7 **Section 3.** Funds for this agreement are available in Community Programs Account No. 108159. The
8 Activity Code will be assigned after completion of the contract process.

9 **Section 4. *Severability.*** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word
10 of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication
11 shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect as if the
12 portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the ordinance.

13 **Section 5. *Repealer.*** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with
14 the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

15 **PASSED: October 20, 2026**

16 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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19 **Allison Segars, City Clerk**

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

20 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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23 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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